- Name: Forest Glen Post Office and Country Store
   Planning Area/Site Number: 31/8/3 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21 I-5
   Address: 6 Post Office Road, Silver Spring
- Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
  Ownership private Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Public Acquisition N/A Historical Site
  Accessible yes: restricted Present use commercial

  Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
  Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Historical Site

  Federal State x County x Local

7. Original Owner: George and James Peter

8. Apparent Condition
a. good b. altered c. original site

6. Date: 1880s

- 9. Description: This three bay by four bay, one-and-a-half story country store faces southeast. The store has narrow red clapboarded exterior walls. There is a northwest gabled addition. The southeast porch is a brick one with two steps. On the northeast elevation there is a porch with a shed roof supported by three chamfered wooden posts. There are three glass and wooden paneled doors which open onto the northeast elevation. There are two eighteen-over-one double hung-display windows on the southeast elevation. There are also six-over-six and two-over-two double-hung windows. There are three eyebrow windows on the northeast elevation. The store has a hipped roof and the northwest addition has a gable roof, both covered with black asbestos shingles.
- 10. Significance: Forest Glen was one of several areas developed because of the Metropolitan Branch of the B and O Railroad. By 1879 a railroad station was established, and by 1883 a Post Office. George Peter was the first postmaster, and he also operated a general store with stock in trade assessed in 1885 at \$300. Peter operated the Forest Glen Store until 1890, selling to Augustus Flack. In 1894 it was sold to Oliver Harr, who had originally owned the land, actually part of Capitol View Park. Haar's plans for the development of Capital View Park caused his financial troubles, and the store was purchased by Alexander and Annie Proctor, along with many other lots in the subdivision. In 1940 the store was sold to Proctor's son-in-law, William D. Fowler. Fowler operated a colorful country market until 1970. Since 1975 it has been again become a country store, now selling health foods, antiques and miscellany.
- 1. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckian-7/79

Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage: 6766.3 sq. ft.

# Maryland Historical Trust tate Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Nam	e (indicate pro	eferred name)		
historic	Fowler's Marke	t		
and/or common	Forest Glen Co	untry Store		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	6 Post Office	Road		not for publication
city, town	Silver Spring	Forest <u>X</u> vicinity of	Glen congressional district	13
state	Maryland	county	Montgomery	
3. Clas	sification			
Category  district _X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public _X_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered _X_ not_applicable	Status _X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agricultureX commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	<b>rty</b> (give names a	nd mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Ivanor Corp.			
street & number	P. O. Box 58		telephone no	) <b>.:</b>
city, town	Kensington	state	and zip code MD	20895
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## 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Forest Glen Country Store consists of a one-story, hip-roof section facing southeast on Post Office Road, and a one-and-one-half-story, gabled section at the rear to the northwest. The building is sheathed in narrow clapboards, currently painted red, and the roofs are covered with black asphalt shingles. A small, hip-roof, wooden, louvered cupola ventilates the attic of the hip-roof portion. A brick chimney rises from the roof between the two sections. The foundation of the front (southeast) section appears to be fieldstone covered with cement stucco. The rear section has a high basement built of concrete block.

The front (southeast) facade has the main entry, a paneled wood door with a single light in its upper half. A dentilated transom bar supports a single-light transom above. On each side of the central entry are large show windows containing eighteen-over-two double-hung wood sash. A broad set of brick steps leads up to the front door. Approximately six feet behind this facade on both the southwest and northeast elevations is a vertical seam, indicating that perhaps this portion of the store has been altered. The seam is visible on the interior in a change of ceiling material.

The northeast elevation has a shed-roof porch supported by chamfered wood columns. The double door onto the porch is approached by a set of brick steps. Beneath the porch is an entry into the cellar. The windows of the building vary considerably, from two-over-two to six-over-six, double-hung wood sash, and single-light "transom" windows placed high in the walls of the hip-roof section.

To the rear of the store is a courtyard which contains several newer buildings of concrete block and wood.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The significance of Fowler's Market lies in the fact that it is a rare rural survival in a heavily developed surburban portion of Montgomery County. A number of early 20th century general stores exist in the County today, but nearly all of them are much farther upcounty. This one and the Bethesda Community Store are among the few that remain to remind us how rural these areas were only a few decades ago.

The exact date of construction for this building is unknown, but it appears that it was built as a grocery store between 1916 and 1925. The general merchandise store and post office mentioned frequently as being in Forest Glen in 1883 was actually farther to the southwest, near the B&O Railroad tracks. That two-story building has been added on to several times to create the building now known as the Castle at 10 Post Office Road.

Miss M. Frances Wolfe, a resident of Linden and the daughter of the man who owned this older store from 1900 to 1915, possesses a photograph taken in 1908 which shows a house near the site of the present Forest Glen Country Store. The Country Store building is not there at this date. The house in the picture, occupied by the Inscoe family, was moved down the hill between 1915 and 1917, to a site behind its original location. Miss Wolfe clearly remembers the area and is certain that no store building other than her father's occupied the block at that time. Census records for 1910 and C&P Telephone directories for 1904-1925 confirm her recollections. For a detailed analysis of these documents, see "Early Twentieth Century Neighborhood Shopping Facilities in Montgomery County," at the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

The May 13, 1925 telephone directory lists for the first time a "Wm. D. Fowler, grocer, Forest Glen. Md." Mr. Fowler purchased the store from the estate of his father-in-law, Alexander Proctor, in 1942 (Deed 865/415), and continued to operate his market until his death in 1971. In 1972, Preventive Maintenance Service, Inc. bought the property (Deed 4218/540) and sold it in 1975 to the current owners, Ivanor Corp., who run the Forest Glen Country Store as a small restaurant and shop selling antiques, crafts, health and gourmet foods, and decorative items.

Architecturally, the Fowler Market building is interesting because it follows the model for rural general merchandise stores of the 1910s and 1920s. Stores of this period were usually one-story frame structures, often with hip roofs. Prior to that period, they were larger, two-story, gable structures, but the World War I era saw a reduction in scale of both commercial and residential buildings. This building is significant because it is the only one of its type and period to have survived in the heavily developed area so close to Washington, D.C.

### Interview with Miss M. Frances Wolfe, Sept., 1987 (589-1798) Montgomery County Land, Assessment, and Plat Records. 1910 Census of the United States. Montgomery Co. Sentinel. C&P Telephone directories. **Geographical Data** 6,766 SF Acreage of nominated property Quadrangle scale. Quadrangle name **UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references **Easting** Northing Zone Verbal boundary description and justification List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries code county code state code state county code Form Prepared By Andrea Rebeck name/title Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm. 10/87

**Major Bibliographical References** 

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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LOCATION				
STREET & NUMBER				
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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by four bay, one and a half story country store faces southeast.

Built on fieldstone foundations, reinforced by poured concrete, the store has narrow red clapboarded exterior walls. The northwest gabled section has cinderblock foundations and its ground floor is on grade. There is a southeast porch with two brick steps and a brick patio. There is a wide glass and wooden paneled door with a single light transom on the southeast elevation. On the northeast elevation there is a porch with a shed roof supported by three chamfered wooden posts. There are three glass and wooden paneled doors openings onto the northeast porch.

Windows are irregularly placed. There are two eighteen-over-one double-hung display windows on the southeast elevation. Elsewhere there are six-over-six and two-over-two double-hung windows. There are three eyebrow windows with single lights on the northeast elevation.

The store has a hipped roof and a gable roof above the northwest addition. Both have black asbestos shingles. There is a ventilator cupola at the peak of the hipped roof.

The southeast door opens into a large open room. There is a wooden counter in front of the northeast wall near the east corner. There are shelves along the northeast walls. The walls in the story are generally covered by vertical weathered barn boards. There is a pressed metal ceiling. There is a wooden paneled Dutch door at the northwest end, near the west corner, which opens into a small kitchen. Northwest of the kitchen is the northwest apartment which is now used as an office. An open string single run stairway descends at the southwest wall, into the basement. The floors are narrow.

The store was remodeled in 1975.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1880s

#### **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Forest Glen was one of several areas developed by entrepreneurs cognizant of the development potential of the land along the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad, completed in 1873. What had before the coming of the railroad been farmland complemented by a natural glen by 1879 supported a railroad station, and by September 1883 a Post Office. George Peter was the first postmaster, and also operated a general store with stock in trade assessed in 1885 at \$300.2

In 1887 two corporations, the Forest Glen Investment Company and the Forest Glen Improvement Company, registered with the State of Maryland in order to buy, subdivide, improve, and sell real estate in the area. The earby communities of Kensington, Capitol View, and Linden were experiencing the same rapid growth.

Although known as the Forest Glen Store, the land on which it sits is technically part of Capitol View Park, subdivided in 1887 by Mary R. Harr. In 1887 Mary and Oliver Harr sold 3,559 square feet of land, with improvements, to George and James Peter for \$350. The Peters sold the store three years later to Augustus Flack for \$3,200, who in turn sold it to Edwin Flack in 1892. Edwin Flack and his wife Cornelia operated the store for two years, residing on the property, but sold it back to Oliver Harr in 1894. Harr immediately began to add to the buildings. However, his financial troubles in Capitol View Park affected this venture, as in March 1895 three mechanics' liens were filed against him. Clarence Ricketts, Columbus Ricketts, and John Power sued for payment for work performed (at the rate of \$1.25 per day) on the "two-story and basement metal roof Frame Dwelling House, Store and Post Office Building,...partly new and partly old....partly finished and partly unfinished". The site of the site of the subdiving the site of the subdiving that the store and partly unfinished.

Although the original grandiose plans for Forest Glen resort and inn and consequent rapid development did not totally materialize, the National Park Seminary for Girls across the railroad track was an encouragement to home builders and storekeepers alike: the school operated through the 1930s, and the post office was not discontinued until 1943.

Alexander and Annie Proctor, secondary developers of Capitol View Park, purchased the store, along with many other lots in the subdivision, from the Harrs. They apparently leased the store until Alexander Proctor's death in 1940. At that time, the store and apartment were assessed at 2500, with \$1000 for the land; Proctor also owned six other dwellings in Capitol View Park.<sup>8</sup> The store then was sold to his son-in-law William D. Fowler for \$3800.<sup>9</sup>

Fowler's Market was a country store, with meats and cheeses, "big wooden bins littered with produce, shelves of cans climbing the wall, crowned with toilet paper retrievable only with a long pole with a CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

Attachment Sheet A Forest Glen Country Store

mechanical grabber, and an ice cream freezer with four hinged white tops that afforded several challenging ways to search for popsickles and ice cream bars."10

William Fowler lived in his apartment behind the store until his death in 1971. The appraiser noted Mr. Fowler's ownership of 6766 square feet with a frame structure containing an owner-operated store with living quarters...in fair to good condition. The store contained a freezer, cash register, grinder, sharpener, slicer and scales, but the "store closed 2/15/70 - stock depleted and old."11

The following year the store was sold to Preventive Maintenance Service, Incorporated, 12 which sold it to the present owner in 1975. Since that time it has again become a country store, selling health foods, antiques, and miscellany.

#### FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Hopkins Atlas (1879); National Archives (post office information).
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Maps: Hopkins Atlas (1879); Hopkins Map (1894) Information on Post Office from National Archives

Mrs. Grace Fowler Smith (997-3613) Columbia, Md.; interview, Sept. 1979.

#### CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

### **10** GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6766.3 square feet

#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part of block 37, "Capitol View Park"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian	Candy Reed - Arch. Description
ORGANIZATION	DATE OF THE PROPERTY OF
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	July 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland 20753

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# Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL, O. WASHINGTON, D. C., AND 28 3

Sire: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at a superior of the Postmaster, County of Montagoniers, State of Many County of Montagoniers, State of Many County of Montagoniers, State of Many County of the requires that the Blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to the Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and

accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

was, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired

Very respectfully,

FRANK HATTON,

First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. George Peter care of the Postmaster of Wheatow 3 who will please forward to him.

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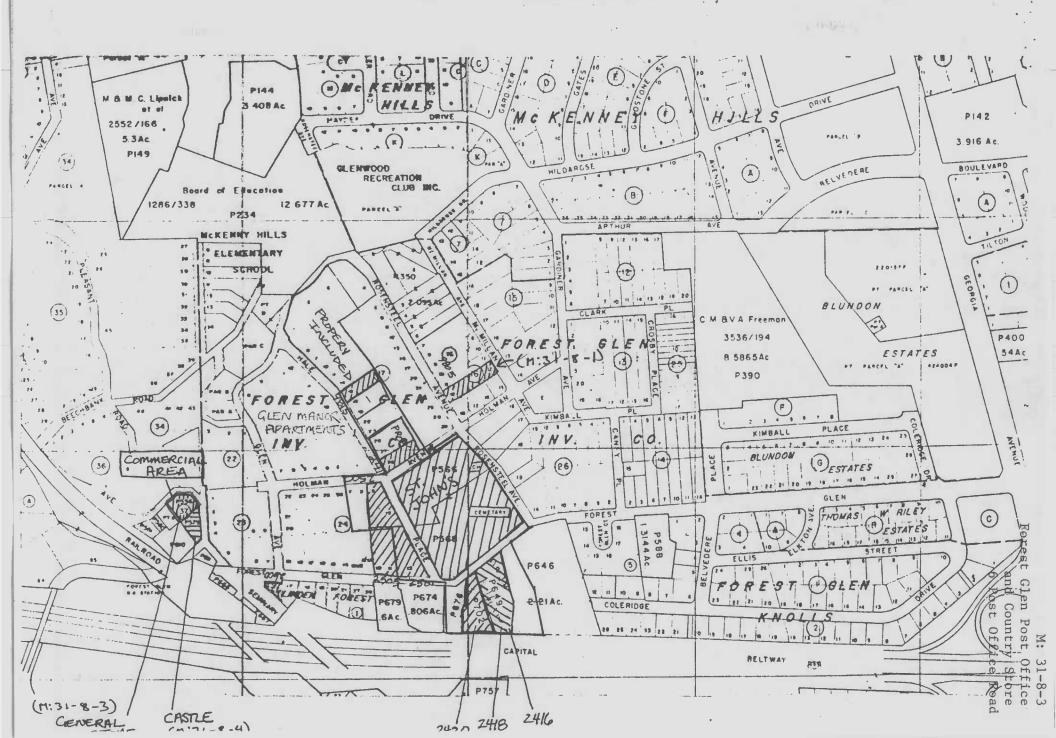
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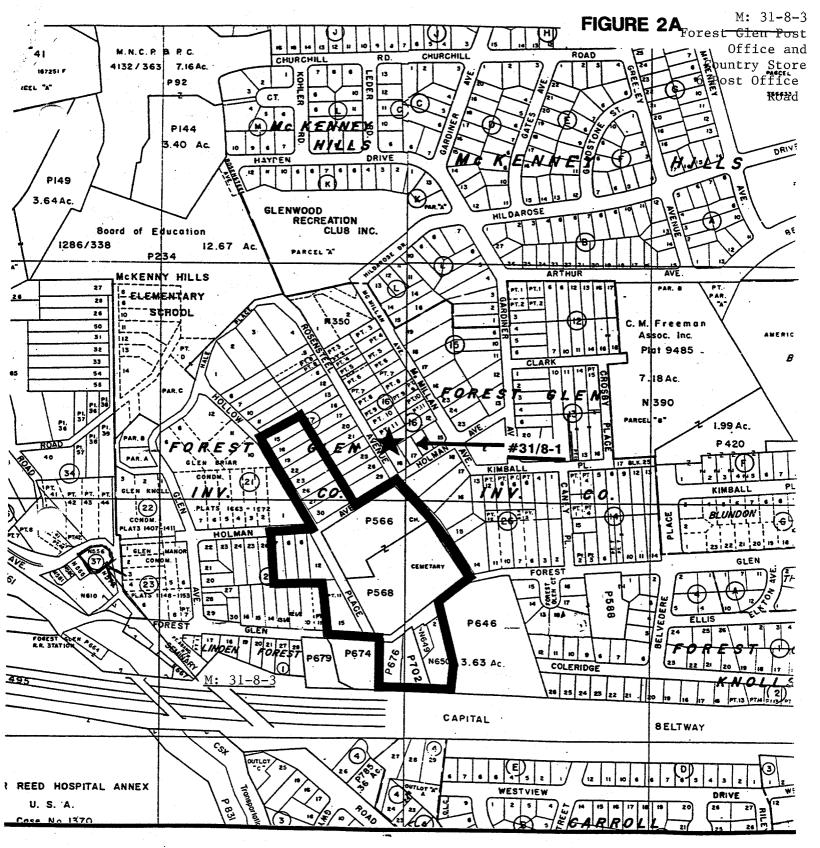
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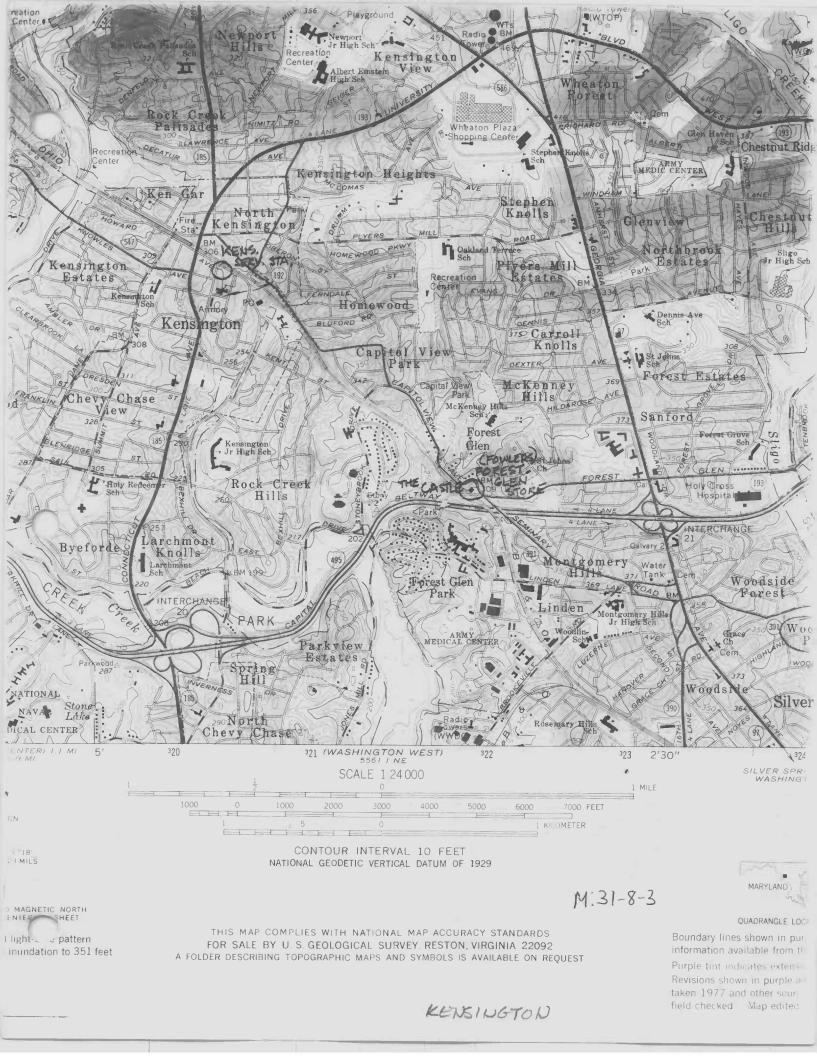


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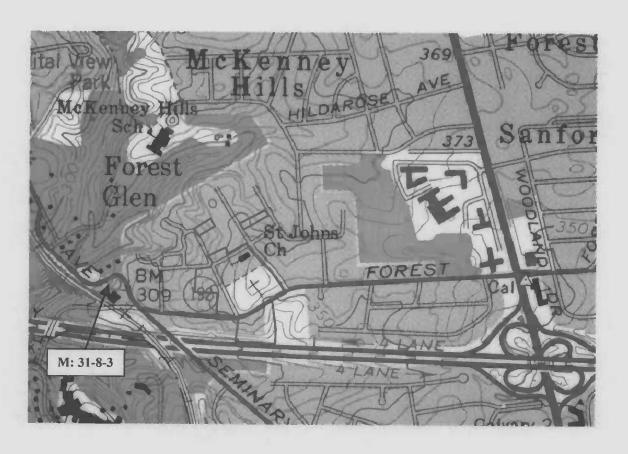
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES -



**NORTH** 



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Forest Glen Post Office and Country Store
(Fowler's Market, Forest Glen Country Store, General Store)
6 Post Office Road
Kensington Quadrangle





M: 31-8-3

Fowler's Market/Forest Glen

Country Store

6 Post Office Road

Silver Spring, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Southeast elevation